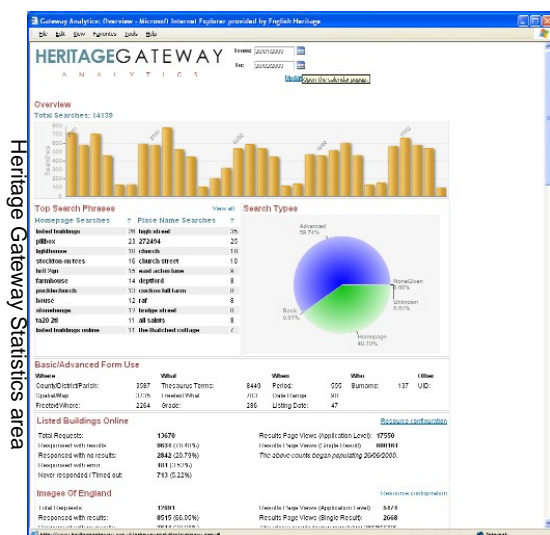


Getting online

It was April 2007 when the first HERs began to enable their data to be cross-searched by Heritage Gateway. Nearly two years on we are preparing to cross-search more than 20 HERs, five of the NMR's online resources and the Parks and Gardens UK database. There are already over 1.1 million records online. Now we want you to consider getting involved and become part of this continually growing resource.

We know that getting the HER's data online is often a long-term plan and the Heritage Gateway can provide a quick and cost-effective way of publishing your data giving you the opportunity to see how it is used. Heritage Gateway will provide access to a statistics area to all data providers in the near future. This will give you information on how many searches were made on your data and the number of users viewing your individual records.



If you are already online, Heritage Gateway offers a different way of publicising your data. It allows a user to cross-search your information alongside national and other local data. You can then provide links to your own site from the results page. Not only are you providing a useful service, but it is another way to bring people to your website. Cheshire HER says that: 'We are now in the fortunate position of having two different ways of accessing our data, a huge advantage to our users'.

Options

Heritage Gateway offers a way of disseminating your HER data online and does not charge for this service. Any costs associated with adding your data to Heritage Gateway depend on which of the following options you choose.

- Local authority's IT department build a web service
- Data hosted by ADS
- HBSMR Gateway - data hosted by exeGesIS
- HBSMR Gateway - data hosted by local authority

The project welcomes all the above methods and they are all suitable for both bespoke databases and HERs already using HBSMR; it is up to the HER to decide which method best suits their requirements. Each method is detailed below; all costs are exclusive of VAT.

Build your own web service

Cost:

Only cost is that of the local authority's ICT provision.

Timescale:

Set by your ICT department.

Suitable for:

- HERs with bespoke database, or
- HERs using HBSMR, or
- HERs already with online presence, or
- HERs not already online (this method would help progress towards going online independently in the future)

Contact:

heritagegateway@english-heritage.org.uk

With this option a single web service is built by your own ICT provider that Heritage Gateway can query. You can have more than one site using this web service so you could have the one web service for both your own website and Heritage Gateway. Heritage Gateway provides a step by step guide for building a compatible web service: [Heritage Gateway Toolkit](#). Our developer is also available to answer technical questions.

Data hosted by ADS

Cost

3 days to build a web service @£350 a day (NB no ongoing annual fee)
There is likely to be a fee for refreshing the deposited data.

Timescale

c.12 weeks

Suitable for:

- HERs with bespoke database, or
- HERs using HBSMR

Contact:

csh3@york.ac.uk

This option does not involve your local authority's ICT department. The Archaeology Data Service (<http://ads.ahds.ac.uk/>) will host a copy of your database to be cross-searched by Heritage Gateway.

HBSMR Gateway – data hosted by exeGesIS

Cost

- £500 set-up costs
- £1,000 per annum for hosting data (£1,500 with images)
- £100 per upload of data

Timescale

3 – 6 weeks

Suitable for:

- HERs using HBSMR, or
- HERs with bespoke database
- HERs already with online presence

Contact:

xginfo@esdm.co.uk

This option does not involve your local authority's ICT department. exeGesIS (<http://www.esdm.co.uk>) will host a copy of your database to be cross-searched by Heritage Gateway.

HBSMR Gateway – data hosted by Local Authority

Cost

- c.£4,000 set-up costs plus local authority ICT costs
- £815 annual support (£978 with images)

Timescale

Set by your ICT department and exeGesIS.

Suitable for:

- HERs using HBSMR, or
- HERs with bespoke database (would need to migrate data to HBSMR to use this method)
- HERs already with online presence, or
- HERs not already online (this method would help progress towards going online independently in the future)

Contact:

xginfo@esdm.co.uk

This option involves exeGesIS (<http://www.esdm.co.uk>) working with your local authority's ICT department to build a web service.

Summary of options

Having your data hosted by ADS or exeGesIS will not involve your ICT department but it may cost money to update the copy of the database and refresh the information available on Heritage Gateway. exeGesIS charges an annual fee for its hosting service inclusive of ongoing service and maintenance.

If you choose to host your own data either by building your own web service or using HBSMR Gateway, you will be able to refresh the data at no extra cost but it does involve working with your ICT department. The HBSMR Gateway option has an associated annual support/licence cost.

What next?

[Contact us](#) if you have any questions about joining Heritage Gateway. We are happy to answer any questions you or your HER may have and can visit you or attend meetings to discuss your options.